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- 25X1 1. In September 1949 all reservists of the 1st and 2nd reserve were called to
present their military papers for checking.
- 25X1 2. The public recreation center at Zalany (Schallan, N51/P33) has closed down
and has been transformed into a military hospital which is to be stocked with
food supplies for one year.
3. On 1 and 2 September 1949 several trainloads of military personnel passed through
Usti nad Labem (N51/F44) in the direction of Most (N51/F12-13). These troop
movements were in no way connected with maneuvers in the Chob (N51/P37) area held
earlier.
4. During this year's maneuvers, Army discipline suffered severely from the fact
that the reservists wrongly interpreted the spirit of the "Peoples' Democracy"
and behaved cavalierly toward their NCO's and officers.
5. Army officers and NCO's are to be transferred to the SNB to assume command posts.
The militarization of the SNB is evident from the fact that all newly recruited
members of the SNB are required to have passed through military training.
6. Increased safety precautions are being taken along the Czech-Bavarian border.
All towns and villages in the border districts are to receive Army garrisons
assigned to guard the frontier. Within five months clearings are to be cut
through the woods along the border to facilitate the movement of troops and
supplies in the event of emergency.
7. Air-raid shelters of the Skoda Works, constructed during the last war in the
Plzen plants, are being reconstructed and reinforced. An amount of 5 million Kcs
has been appropriated for the construction of a swimming pool inside the Skoda
Works compound in Plzen. This water reservoir is to be built in the vicinity of
gate No. 4 and is to serve as water storage in the event of an aerial bombardment.
8. The Ministry of Interior is planning to establish a civilian anti air-raid train-
ing center on the "Skrievanci Pole" in Usti nad Labem for all of Bohemia. This
location served as a military training ground during the German occupation. Of
the barracks erected by the Germans, ten wooden ones are still standing.

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25X1* Comment: Reports about border fortifications and troop concentration in border districts indicate that the Government is either afraid of an armed conflict or acting on orders by the Soviets. Special children's maneuvers have been held in which the children were trained to defend the country against invasion by airborne troops.

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